

DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP RECYCLES



Recycling

► *Buying Recycled*

Invest In Futures.... *Buy Recycled!*

The Douglass Township Board of Supervisors is asking shoppers to look carefully at the products and packaging they purchase. The township encourages you to "Invest in the future...BUY RECYCLED!" There are many recycled products already on store shelves, for example, detergent and shampoo packaged in recycled plastic containers, plastic bags that are made with recycled plastic, greeting cards and notebook paper. Tissue products made from recycled magazines and office paper rather than trees.

Each week families all over Douglass Township set out recyclables for collection. We call this "recycling," however; it's just the first step in the process. Waste materials are thrown into a truck and hauled away to be recycled. The cans, bottles and paper are not really recycled until they are made into a new product and someone buys them back, and uses them again.

Some recyclables (glass, jars, aluminum cans) appear on store shelves looking just like they did the first time we used loop recycling. Other recyclables like plastic bottles are remanufactured into very different products and may have several "reincarnations" before final disposal. This is called cascade recycling. In either case, it's important that we buy products and packaging that have recycled content.

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/recycle/Buy/Buy.htm>

http://www.epa.gov/osw/education/quest/pdfs/unit2/chap2/u2-2_buyrecycled.pdf

Any Other Questions?

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